

Leicester, May 5. 1840. (Tuesd. Evng.)

My dear Sir,

As I suppose you mean to be in New York next week at the meeting of the American Antislavery Society, the object of my letter is to inquire ^{1.} when you purpose going, ^{2.} by what route, and ^{3.} where you mean to quarter yourself while there.

I ask these questions because I have been thinking of going myself, and may carry it into effect, and in that case I should be very glad to meet you on the way, & particularly to stay with you in N. Y., if that would be practicable & convenient. If I go, my present expectation is to go on Monday next, by the Norwich route, so as to reach N. Y. on Tuesday morning.

As I have heard nothing, recently, respecting your mission to England, I have concluded (perhaps quite erroneously) that you are not going out to attend the great Conference.

Could you not make it as convenient to go on

by ~~the~~ Norwich as any other way? Would you not go
first to Boston in any case? Thence to N. York, the
fare is \$5., via Norwich.

It is some time (5 years) since I was in New York. Whenever
I have been there, I have put up at the more expensive
Public Houses. A Country parson, on a contracted salary, and
with less fastidiousness respecting externals than he had when 20
yrs. old, looks now rather for some quiet, cleanly & respectable
Boardinghouse, where every needful comfort may be had at a
more reasonable charge than \$2. per day, - for a room which

It "should fitting be

"For all my use, no luxury."

Can you tell me of such a one in Gotham?

If you write me, in reply to my several queries,
immediately on receiving this, I can get up answer doubtless
by Saturday noon.

If you go to N. Y., don't forget to take some sermons
with you, & make an arrangement (if possible) to spend

the following Sunday in Leicester.)

Sarah is quite well and sends her love to you and
to Cousin Lucretia & the children - in which I cordially join.

Your cousin & friend

Saml. May

P.S. Sarah is very desirous to have you come & preach
here, as above requested.





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*I have just got a printed Circular, answering several of the
within-questions - still ~~for~~ I think best to send this.*



*Sam^l. May Jr
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